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CHAPTER I.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

The New England Conference met according to appointment, on Wednesday, April 14, 1852, in the pleasant village of Chicopee, Mass. Bishop Morris, after opening the session with appropriate religious services, announced that he appeared in the place of Bishop Hedding, to whose recent decease at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., he made some touching allusions. The Conference was organized by the election of Rev. Charles Adams as Secretary, and Rev. Luman Boyden, Assistant Secretary; after which, the usual Disciplinary questions were propounded, and answered as follows: —

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial?

Ans. Linus Fish, A. W. Page, Daniel Atkins.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

Ans. D. Wait, E. S. Best, G. Haven, W. M. Hubbard, F. H. Newhall, G. W. Steele, W. C. High, H. P. Andrews, Judah Crosby.

Ques. 3. Who are admitted into full connection?

Ans. Burtis Judd, O. S. Howe, A. F. Bailey, G. E. Chapman, D. Y. Kilgore, W. S. Studley, Jarvis Wilson, J. Horton.

Ques. 4. Who are the Deacons?

Ans. George Bowler, O. S. Howe, Augustus F. Bailey, Damon Y. Kilgore, Wm. S. Studley, Jarvis Wilson.

Ques. 5. Who are elected and ordained Elders this year?

Ans. John Smith, H. M. Nichols, W. Pentecost, John G. Carey, W. F. La Count, T. Willard Lewis, William R. Clark.

Ques. 6. Who have located this year?

Ans. Thomas Street, F. A. Griswold, M. Staple.

Ques. 7. Who are the supernumerary preachers?

Ans. J. C. Ingalls, J. Ireson, G. W. Green, Benjamin Paine, D. K. Merrill.

Ques. 8. Who are the superannuated or wornout preachers?

Ans. B. F. Lambord, F. Nutting, E. F. Newell, John Parker, C. Virgin, R. D. Easterbrook, H. P. Hall, E. Willard, E. Kibby, S. A. Cushing, A. Taylor, E. Otis, T. W. Tucker, J. M. Merrill, J. Whitman, A. A. Cook, T. Marcy, T. G. Brown, N. S. Spaulding, A. S. Flagg, Rufus Spaulding, J. Sanborn, D. S. King.

Ques. 9. Who have been expelled from the connection this year?

Ans. None.

Ques. 10. Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?

Ans. None.

Ques. 11. Were all the preachers' characters examined?

Ans. This was strictly attended to by calling over their names before the Conference.

Ques. 12. Who have died this year?

Ans. Thomas C. Peirce, George W. Bates, and Charles W. Ainsworth.

Ques. 13. What is the number of members, and what of probationers in society?

Ans. Members, 13,029; Probationers, 2,253; Local Preachers, 78. (See general table.)

Ques. 14. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiences of those who have not received their regular allowance on their circuits?

Ans. Superannuated, $5,461; deficiencies of preachers, $2,875. Total, $8,336. Deficiencies of preachers on Boston District, $259; Charlestown, $369; Worcester, $1,199; Springfield, $1,048.

Ques. 15. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

Receipts.

From the Book Concern,	$400 00
" Chartered Fund,	125 00
" Lambert Legacy,	8 34
Cash from last year's account,	1 34
	$534 68

Disbursements.

To the Bishops,	$61 70	To T. G. Brown,	23 40
H. P. Hall,	17 20	Widow Fisk,	8 60
B. F. Lambord,	17 20	" Ransom,	8 60
F. Nutting,	22 71	" Beebe,	8 60
E. F. Newell,	17 20	" Pickering,	8 60
J. Parker,	18 52	" Steele,	8 60
C. Virgin,	17 20	" Smith,	10 67
R. D. Easterbrook,	17 20	" Dean,	10 67
E. Willard,	17 20	" Gile,	10 67
R. Spaulding,	17 20	" Merrill,	8 60
E. Kibby,	17 20	" Palmer,	8 60
S. A. Cushing,	21 67	" Bardwell,	11 24
A. Taylor,	17 20	" Peirce,	12 13
E. Otis,	17 20	" Bates,	5 34
T. W. Tucker,	17 20	" Ainsworth,	6 27
J. M. Merrill,	23 74	J. Lee's child,	2 07
A. A. Cook,	10 32	Stationery,	2 50
T. Marcy,	20 64		
N. J. Merrill,	11 02		$534 68

Ques. 16. What has been contributed for the support of Missions? what for the Sunday School Union? what for the publication and circulation of tracts? and what to aid the American Bible Society?

Ans. Missions, foreign and domestic, $6,137.63; Sunday School Union, $241 93; American Bible Society, $629.47.

Ques. 17. When and where shall our next Conference be held?

Ans. In Ipswich. Time not fixed.

CHAPTER II.

STATIONS.	STATISTICS.											
	NOS. IN SOCIETY.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.								
	Mem's	Prob.	L. P.	Off'rs, Tea'rs	Schl's.	Vol. in Libr'y.	No. Bible Cl.	Schl's Inf. Cl.	Expen this year.		S.S.A. taken.	Conver'ns
Boston District.												
Rev. J. HASCALL, ...												
Boston, Hanover St., . . .	364	38	2	59	365	650	13	115	77	82	55	
" Bromfield St., . .	500	104	2	25	225	800	6	30	40	00	106	
" Church St., . . .	230	30	1	35	180	634	5	79	10	00	150	
" North Russell St.,	190	80	2	45	341	1150	9	75	289	94	75	65
" Meridian St., . . .	210	18		32	192	450	2	30	17	00	50	7
" Centenary Church,	151	60	2	31	188	300	3	52	74	75	50	18
" Hedding Church, .	100	20		29	194	826	4	25	150	00	75	
" Mariner's Church,												
Chelsea, ...	270	42	4	40	283	1144	9	66	55	00	22	10
Roxbury, ...	164	3	1	15	95	664	1		70	00		
Dorchester, First Church,	152	6		26	150	400	3	22	15	00	40	1
" Second Church,	47	20	1	10	52	125	3		23	00		
Quincy Point, ...	34	15		18	127	500	9		19	50	22	5
Dedham, ...	52	8	1	14	60	568	4	12	6	00	30	5
Walpole, ...	79	1	1	13	90	250	2		33	00	20	
Newton Upper Falls, . . .	75	3		13	84	325	3		65	00		
East Needham, ...	20	1										
Natick, ...	105	26	3	17	110	622	7	10	7	04	28	
Saxonville, ...	80	106	1	22	216	450	13	42			50	68
Holliston, ...	170	5		29	200	502	7	75	60	00	39	3
Hopkinton, ...	43	22		9	90	175	2	12	40	00	25	6
Milford, ...	94	14	1	18	150	500	8	40	20	00	50	1
Mendon, ...	16	5		10	40	700	3	7			7	
Farnumsville, ...	7											
New England Village, . .	31	11										
Boylston, ...	15	3		4	21	50						
Clinton, ...	75	51		14	125	158	11	10	15	00	28	75
Lunenburg, ...	68	7	1	15	92	240	6	20	9	50	25	2
Townsend, ...	40	20										
Marlboro', ...	106	3		11	58	244	4	18	20	00	21	
Sudbury, ...												
Assabet Village, ...												
Charlestown District.												
Rev. A. BINNEY, ...												
Charlestown, High St., . .	151	26	2	23	200	300	8	30			25	16
" Union Church,	125	40	2	21	100	587	1	40	100	00	50	6
Cambridge, East	84	11		25	160	460		20				

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264	275		61	250	850	850	250 00		250 00	7 50	60 00	45 00	9 42	371 92
216	225	19	50	290	800	800	225 00		225 00		6 79	35 00	5 82	272 61
240	150	5	50	355	800	800	150 00	17 00	167 00	6 44	6 72	40 00	5 00	225 16
240	150	10	50	250	700	700	100 00		100 00	4 00	7 50	32 00	5 50	149 00
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240	100	8	40	162	550	550								
272	52	8	24	62	418	418	3 00		3 00		1 16	2 50	1 12	7 78
242	55	9	20	110	436	476	9 72		9 72			7 28	1 00	18 00
216	75	8	36	165	500	500	14 00		14 00	2 65	5 60	9 00	3 40	34 65
264	100	16	35	185	600	579	8 50		8 50	2 45	2 50	2 85		16 30
200	100	15	35	150	500	500	24 00		24 00	3 75		16 00	3 00	46 75
232	120	5	35	158	550	550	50 00		50 00	20 00	30 00	8 00	5 00	185 00
300	62	10	24	104	400	400	10 00	13 00	23 00	4 25	17 00	13 12		57 37
240	100	18	35	107	520	520	40 00		40 00	3 00		16 85		59 85
					500	500	10 00	3 00	13 00					13 00
100					100	100								
248	80	15	35	137	515	500	8 47		8 47			5 50		13 97
216	50	6	18	150	440	317	2 56		2 56			6 00		8 56
												12 37		12 37
272	35	5	20	93	425	325	9 45	25	9 70	2 75	1 75	6 66		20 86
					660	600								
230	200	10	44	216	700	700	61 86		61 86	5 60	6 00	20 00	5 00	98 46
216	190	14	35	220	675	675	68 00		68 00		6 00	6 22	2 30	82 52
272	125	4	30	198	629	629	100 00	16 00	116 00	3 00	2 00	16 00	3 50	140 50

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Charlestown District — continued.											
Cambridge, Harvard St.,	135	10		27	174	400			19 78	40	
" Harvard Square,	27	7		10	35	75	1		20 00	31	
Watertown,	69	21	1	19	124	500	6	18	38 00	27	8
Waltham,	92	28		21	206	305	13	84	48 00	100	16
Weston,	79	3		8	60	250	1			11	
Lowell, St. Paul's,	507	62	1	48	589	260	24		45 00	200	29
" Worthen St.,	370	92		45	467	500	24	18	50 00	160	28
Lynn, Common,	320	49	1	52	277	600	1	58	80 94		
" Union St.,	173	2		25	186	300	1		40 00	100	1
" Willow St.,											
" South St.,	190	1		33	176	275				38	
" Maple St.,	43	12		12	78	150	1			20	
Nahant,											
Saugus,	166	5	1	20	140	500	1	13	25 00	26	1
Salem,	123	67	1	18	130	400	12	25	34 00	31	25
Marblehead,	162	18		17	120	300	5	12	22 00	62	
Danvers,	98	5	1	12	100	237	1	23	26 11	20	
Gloucester Harbor,	105	54		28	120	300	4	7	25 00	25	
" Parish,	89	12		20	77		2	15	13 00	45	14
Ipswich,	181	11	1	36	177	322		6	70 54		
Newburypport, Liberty St.,	199	28	1	27	171	300	14	28	24 26	57	7
" Adelphi,	86	18	1	16	106	125			35 00	33	9
Topsfield,	56	3		9	60	350	2		17 00	35	
Groveland,	30			5	30	120	1	8			
Andover North,	24	4		18	133	400			73 06	120	3
" Ballardvale,	29	6	1	12	105	136	3	15	24 00	25	
Melrose,	108	9		18	100	480	1	13	25 00	30	6
Malden,	125	22		17	140	500	3	40	5 00	25	6
Medford,	75	27	1	16	84	300	2		29 00		8
Woburn,	40			5	26	148	1	5			1
Chelsea Point,	25			6	35	150	7	28			
South Reading,	41										
Worcester District.											
Rev. P. CRANDALL,											
Worcester, Park St.,	184	16		26	175	410		15	42 00	50	6
" Laurel St.,	109	27		14	119	535	4	26		13	
Leicester and N. Worcester,	59	35	2	20	160	400	2	30	40 00	100	
Princeton,	77	4		12	100	200	8	12			1
Rutland,	36	4									
Holden,	34	16	2	8	52	150	2	20	18 00		
Fitchburg,	128	3		17	125	400			15 00	40	2

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	150	25	40		725	725	77 41		77 41	10 00	5 00	24 00	4 00	120 41
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216	90	8	35	151	500	500	36 14		36 14			18 50		54 64
216	75		25	84	400	400	7 18		7 18	4 25				11 43
272	150	40	70	408	940	940	300 00		300 00			66 80		366 80
288	150	15	47	300	800	800	405 00		405 00	8 50	57 00	51 00	11 25	532 75
200	150	8	50	312	720	720	145 50		145 50	7 26	30 00	63 75	5 00	251 51
232	100	15	45	208	600	600	30 00	1 34	31 34	2 11	6 25	15 58	3 00	58 28
100		5	20	275	400	400								
200	100	10	40	210	560	560	58 00		58 00			12 73	3 21	73 94
200	50		25	125	400	350	8 00		8 00			6 10		14 10
288	100	3	40	144	575	575	30 20		30 20		6 10	24 16	4 00	64 46
224	130	10	35	159	558	558	13 70		13 70			11 25		24 95
							15 00		15 00			6 00		21 00
240	70	15	25	75	425	425		3 24	3 24					3 24
200	50	5	20	100	375	375						5 28		5 28
200	25	5	20	100	360	335	5 86		5 86					5 86
224	70	3	25	178	500	500	100 00	80 37	180 37	7 50	10 00	43 45	4 20	245 52
216	84	15	35	150	500	500	42 92		42 92	5 31	8 50	26 00	5 70	88 43
216	65	19	30	100	430	345	13 00		13 00			6 00	2 00	21 00
224	100	15	25	110	474	400	6 00	2 00	8 00		1 00	5 00	2 00	16 00
240	56	35	20	147	498	498	11 05		11 05	2 64	4 35			18 04
200	40		26	130	400	300								
224	91	10	35	240	600	600	34 10	50	34 60			10 45		45 05
200	110		40	200	550	550	75 29		75 29	20 00	4 75	25 00	5 00	130 04
200	140		30	230	600	600	10 00		10 00			13 45		23 45
200	115	100	35	150	600	600								
216	150	16	35	175	592	592	100 00	15 17	115 17	5 00	18 00	35 00	7 00	180 17
200	125	22	40	170	559	527	43 42	1 60	45 02	1 50	1 60	17 31		65 43
200	45	5	30	140	420	420	4 00		4 00	2 00	1 26	8 62	1 17	17 05
200	30	6	20	55	311	311	5 25		5 25		1 00	6 50	1 00	13 75
245	30	12	15	90	392	235								
288	20	12	20	150	490	263						6 10		6 10
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Worcester District — continued.											
Leominster,	100	14		15	113	550	10		20 60	30	7
Ashburnham,	110	4	2	13	80	100			16 00	54	
Winchendon,	109	7		15	75	300	6			50	
South Royalston,	36	7		11	50	261	2		10 00	23	3
Phillipston,	49	4		9	60	150	2		14 50	22	
Templeton,	32	2									
Hubbardston,	126	11		19	159	500	1	14	34 25	57	1
Barre,	88	14		11	60	250			8 00	21	10
Hardwick,	45	20		10	70	200	2	10	12 00	30	10
Spencer,	98	25		20	200	330	7	1	31 20	60	
Brookfield,	92	50		16	116	300			20 00	10	11
North Brookfield,	42	8		10	60	210					
Ware Village,	140	25	1	20	100	200		20		30	10
Thorndike,	65	6	1	10	50	240	4				
Three Rivers, Palmer Depot,	90	10	1	12	98	350	3	24		17	
South Belchertown,				7	60	200	1				
Wales,	48	18		6	40	170	2	20	9 00		12
Monson,	47	10		20	150	300	5	50	19 45	25	
Wilbraham,	138	25	4	21	105	702	7		6 00	20	
South Wilbraham,	44	7		9	50	350	2			20	
Ludlow,	70	12		9	50	300	2		10 00		
Charlton,	53	24									
Southbridge,	126	23		19	128	350	6		45 00	30	5
Dudley,	95		1	12	75	125	2		25 00	50	
Webster,	200	16	4	24	150	434			16 85	60	
Oxford,	125	24		17	112	400	6	15	63 25	50	3
Milbury,	110	18	1	12	18	550	4	16	17 00	28	10
Whitingsville,	50	8		9	68	200	3	41			
Shrewsbury,	81	6		17	85	459	1		10 79	25	
Springfield District.											
Rev. C. Baker,											
Springfield, Pyncheon St.,	200	6		32	193	766	4		77 30	100	
" Union St.,	165	2	1	20	150	700		18	10 00	35	2
Chicopee,	199	12		23	137	800	6	11	57 87	50	
Chicopee Falls,	70			10	63	250	4	12		25	
S. Hadley Falls,	56	6		9	60	350	2			30	3
West Springfield,	46	8		8	45	150	1		10 00	32	2
Feeding Hills, and Agawam,	33	4	1	17	76	238	3	24	25 00	43	13
Westfield,	231	7	1	40	220	483	9	8	104 00	48	1

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200	70	4	30	145	449	449	85 00		85 00		25 17	19 15		129 32
148	70	15	15	128	376	376	14 25		14 25	5 17		14 30		33 72
200	50		15	45	310	310	12 00		12 00			5 75		17 75
224	40	11	15	85	375	284	4 50		4 50	1 00		6 00	1 00	12 50
224	18	19	12	100	371	294						6 00		6 00
272	50	10	14	90	476	355	25 00	13 53	38 53	4 00	6 50	16 00		65 03
232	55	10	18	85	400	315	8 00		8 00	2 00	4 00	8 00	1 00	23 00
232	35	20	15	150	452	318	15 00	1 20	16 20	1 00	1 00	8 00		26 20
232	65	5	25	123	450	450	31 00		31 00	2 31	2 31	15 00	2 25	52 87
272	50	4	25	100	451	401	23 00		23 00	2 50	3 50	12 00	2 05	43 05
100		25			125	125								
256	75	18	25	85	459	418		2 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	12 00		19 00
216	55	10	20	150	451	451	10 00		10 00			11 43		21 43
200	25	10	25	150	410	328						2 50		2 50
232	13	27	15	130	422	239	3 75		3 75	1 00		1 75		6 50
272	55	13	35	135	510	510	7 00		7 00	3 00	5 00	12 00		27 00
224	80	30	25	167	526	500	113 93		113 93	10 67	15 00	43 18	5 12	187 90
264	40	6	13	85	413	330	3 84		3 84		4 73	3 61		12 18
224	50		14	100	378	279						11 50		11 50
232	65	5	18	110	430	430	40 00		40 00	5 00	8 41	25 00	4 00	82 41
											1 50	8 00		9 50
248	75	19	25	177	544	544	82 03		82 03		11 24	26 00		119 27
240	75	13	20	120	468	412	43 23		43 23		5 63	17 00		65 86
232	60	5	25	120	442	442	11 50		11 50		2 00	10 00	3 00	26 50
200	60	5	25	114	400	400	5 50		5 50					5 50
232	50	4	24	115	425	425	16 25		16 25		3 00	7 00	1 50	27 75
					525	506								
224	135	30	46	300	735	735	140 00	14 00	154 00	7 51	18 00	35 80	7 53	222 84
100	100	10	30	300	540	540	70 00	20 00	90 00		6 00	28 00		124 00
200	125	10	40	214	589	589	46 00		46 00	2 00	15 00	27 00		90 00
					464	384	1 84		1 84			3 25		5 09
232	90	17	25	130	494	494	42 71		42 71				2 00	44 71
288	50	5	30	122	495	473	4 76		4 76			2 80		7 56
							3 60		3 60			2 60		6 20
232	80	30	30	160	532	532	86 00	2 35	88 35	10 40	13 06	6 89	3 00	121 70

GENERAL TABLE,

STATIONS.	STATISTICS.											
	NOS. IN SOCIETY.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.								
	Mem's	Prob.	L. P.	Off'rs. Tea'rs	Schl's.	Vol. in Libr'y	No. Bible Cl.	Schl's Inf. Cl.	Expen this year.	S.S.A. taken.	Con-ver'ns
Springfield District — continued.											
Westfield, West Parish,	51	1	1								
Southwick,											
Blandford Centre,	62	8	3	17	115	309	1	9		36	
" North,	40	2	1	12	75	150	1				
Chester Factories,	32	54		15	50					30	15
" Village,											
Montgomery,	27	1									
Southampton,	77	23	1	10	50	100	6			15	
Northampton,	60	6	2	8	44	450	2			20	5
Leeds,											
Williamsburg,	80	20		24	100	400	4	40	36 00	34	10
Chesterfield,	36	6		12	80	200	3			40	2
Cummington,	40	2	3	8	30	100	1			15	2
Savoy,	47										
Charlemont,	94	38		15	70		5		8 00	40	
Rowe,	30	5									
Colerain,	96	14		25	45	150	5	25	1 00	28	
Leyden Circuit,	48	1		10	120	200	4	20			
Shelburne Falls,	46	18	1	10	75	128	2			40	
Buckland,	54	30		14	109	75	6	1	20 00	60	
Greenfield,	66	5		12	50	150	2		5 00	60	
Gill,	51	10	2	10	65	250	1	15	11 62	5	1
South Deerfield,	68	13		7	49	100	3	1	2 00		6
South Amherst,	33	2	1	7	35	150	5		5 50		
North Belchertown,											
Granby,	37	10		7	30	110	1	10		10	3
Pelham,	69	30		12	130	280	2			28	12
Lock's Pond,											
Prescott,	90	5	3	13	30	100	1			24	2
Enfield,	44	26		9	60	300	3	4			5
Lee Claflin, Esq.,											
Rev. Randall Mitchell,											
Messrs. L. Shepard & Handy, N. Blandford,											
Rev. D. K. Merrill,											
Rev. J. Sanborn,											
Collection at Conference Anniversary,											
Subscription of preachers,											

CONTINUED.

FINANCES.

PREACHERS' ESTIMATES AND RECEIPTS.							COLLECTIONS FOR BENEVOLENT OBJECTS.							
Quart.	Rent.	Tr.Ex.	Fuel.	Table Expen	Total.	Rec'ts	Gen'l Miss.	Dom'c Miss.	Total for Miss.	S. S. Union	Am.B. Soc'y.	P. Aid Soc'y.	Bibl'al Instit.	Total Benev Purpo
					117	117						3 75		3 75
232	30	26	12	75	375	375	20 00		20 00			10 00		30 00
240	55	10	12	80	397	280	4 50		4 50	8 00		4 33		16 83
232	30	7	14	70	351	351	16 00	3 50	19 50			6 60		26 10
216	75	10	15	84	400	400				3 50		7 43		10 93
[illegible]	33	6	15	87	355	263	3 74		3 74					3 74
272	12	25	15	80	404	200	1 50		1 50		1 00	30		2 80
232	35	35	10	75	387	387	14 00		14 00	1 43	10 00	8 50	2 70	36 63
							1 50		1 50			1 00		2 50
200	20	8	12	80	320	285	4 45		4 45					4 45
216	50	14	20	100	400	400	17 25		17 25			3 80		21 05
228	30	13	20	84	375	312	12 00		12 00			3 34		15 34
216	80	20	20	80	416	400	20 00		20 00			3 37	3 00	26 37
232	25	12	20	75	364	277	5 00		5 00		1 69	4 38	1 00	12 07
					370	265	5 55		5 55	1 70		1 75		9 00
[illegible]	25		15	60	300	300								
100	30	15	25	80	250	250	6 47		6 47			1 60		8 07
265	30	20	15	75	405	271	15 18		15 18			4 00		19 18
00					100	100								
300	70	20	12	70	372	297	15 78		15 78	65		1 77		18 10
							100 00	100 00	200 00			150 00		
							3 00		3 00					
							7 00		7 00					
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							6 00		6 00					
							91 94		91 94					
							61 50	30 64	92 14					

CHAPTER III.

OFFICERS OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE PRESIDING BISHOP, PRESIDENT.
C. ADAMS, J. W. MOWRY, } VICE PRESIDENTS.
H. M. NICHOLS, SECRETARY.
Z. A. MUDGE, TREASURER.

MANAGERS — J. CUMMINGS, W. R. STONE, W. GORDON, I. J. P. COLLYER, I. B. BIGELOW.

DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MINOR RAYMOND, PRESIDENT.
D. K. BANISTER, WM. R. STONE, D. L. WINSLOW, } VICE PRESIDENTS.
N. J. MERRILL, SECRETARY.
I. J. P. COLLYER, TREASURER.

MANAGERS — CHESTER FIELD, GEORGE DUNBAR, F. RAND, PLINY NICKERSON, B. H. BARNES.

SABBATH SCHOOL SOCIETY.

PRESIDING BISHOP, PRESIDENT.
J. HORTON, VICE PRESIDENT.
GEORGE BOWLER, SECRETARY.
T. W. LEWIS, TREASURER.

MANAGERS — W. M. MANN, J. L. HANAFORD, H. M. BRIDG , P. WOOD, J. CADWELL.

CHAPTER IV.

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

The Committee on the Preachers' Aid Society present the following report for the year 1851–2:

It was voted at the last session of the Conference to raise the sum of two thousand dollars; this was apportioned to the Districts as follows:

Boston District,	$600
Charlestown District,	600
Worcester District,	450
Springfield District,	350

Of these amounts, there have been raised the following sums:

Boston District,	$581 11	Deficit,	$18 89
Charlestown District,	496 72	"	103 28
Worcester District,	392 70	"	57 30
Springfield District,	172 26	"	177 74
The preachers have subscribed,	82 00		

There have also been subscribed the following sums:

Lee Claflin, Esq.,	150 00		
Stewards of Bromfield St. Church,	7 97		
Ladies' Wesleyan Sewing Society, East Boston,	10 00		
Miss E. Basteen, of Medway,	50		
	$1,893 26	Increase,	$99 15
Deduct for counterfeit,	1 00		
	$1,892 26		

For the amounts collected in the several societies, see General Table, page 6.

We have received the annual report of B. H. Barnes, Esq., Treasurer of the Preachers' Aid Society, from which we present the following items:

Balance from old account,	$404 72
Received during the year ending April 14th, 1852,	1,821 12
	2,225 84
Paid during the year ending April 14th, 1852,	1,620 75
Balance to new account,	$605 09

The following appropriations have been made during the year:

Rev. H. P. Hall,	90	Widow Steele,	75
T. Marcy,	100	Gile,	50
E. F. Newell,	25	Fisk,	25
J. M. Merrill,	75	Bardwell,	50
B. F. Lambord,	150	Dean,	25
R. D. Easterbrook,	125	Palmer,	25
T. W. Tucker,	125	Peirce,	25
C. Virgin,	125	Ainsworth,	25
F. Nutting,	50	Merrill,	25
A. Taylor,	50	Beebe,	25
E. Kibby,	125	Rev. S. A. Cushing,	50
E. Willard,	125		
A. A. Cook,	25		1,620
N. J. Merrill,	30		

The Committee recommend the passage of resolutions similar to those passed at the last session of the Conference, and earnestly invite the special attention of all concerned in them, to the 3d and 4th resolutions.

W. R. BAGNALL, Chairman.

The 5th resolution was so modified by the action of the Conference as to add the preachers stationed in Roxbury, Cambridge, Charlestown, and Chelsea, and the Presiding Elders on Boston and Charlestown Districts, to the Committee on Application for Aid.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee beg leave to present the following report in favor of the American Bible Society:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the calls upon the Society are increasingly great, to supply the word of God for the people of various languages, in our own and in other countries, we pledge our continued patronage in favor of this noble and Christian enterprise, and that we will most cordially receive any accredited agent of the American Bible Society who will come among us.

Your Committee would further report, that during the past year the following amounts have been contributed in aid of this cause:

Boston District,	$254 91
Charlestown District,	151 31
Worcester District,	127 40
Springfield District,	69 50
Total from Districts,	$603 12
From Preachers,	26 52
Total,	$629 64

The Committee recommend that $120 be appropriated to constitute the Rev. Bishop Morris a Life Director of the American Bible Society; and $180 to constitute the following persons Life Members of the American Bible Society; namely, Mr. Abner Fisk, of Holliston; and Revs. J. Parker, Edward Cooke, Daniel Steele, J. W. Perkins, and D. K. Merrill, all of the New England Conference.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. BROWNSON,
A. D. SARGENT, } Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

	Boston District.	Cha'town District.	Worcester District.	Spring'd District	Aggregate.
Whole No. of schools,	27	33	34	34	128
Officers and Teachers,	585	669	490	424	2,168
Scholars,	3,906	4,686	3,110	2,406	14,108
No. of Volumes,	12,667	10,730	10,576	7,489	41,462
No. of Bible Classes,	142	140	94	87	463
Scholars in Inf. Classes,	746	506	319	203	1,774
Expense of Schools,	$1137 55	939 69	500 89	373 29	3011 42
Am't for Benev. purp's,	99 27	76 17	59 30	27 19	261 93
S. S. Advocates,	988	1,336	916	848	3,288
Conversions,	342	197	91	84	714

It will be seen that while the number of schools has been increased only by two, yet the number of scholars exceeds the number reported last year by about 1,000; while the expenses of the schools have been increased about $2,000. The amount raised for Sunday School Union is more than has been raised any previous year, being an advance of twenty per cent. over the last year. The number of Sunday School Advocates taken is not so great by nearly five hundred, showing a lamentable want of interest on the part of those who should be interested *deeply* in sustaining a periodical of so much importance to the cause. There is cause for gratitude and encouragement in the number of conversions, being an increase of one hundred and fifty-one over the number reported at the last Conference.

Your Committee trust that the Address delivered at the Anniversary of the Sunday School Society by Bro. Kidder, will have the effect to awaken a deeper interest in all our hearts leading us to stronger efforts in behalf of our Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

D. K. BANNISTER, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance submit the following report:

Resolved, That the use of intoxicating drink as a beverage is a sin; that it violates the physical, intellectual, and moral nature of man.

Resolved, That the friends of religion and humanity are earnestly called upon to employ all suitable moral and legal means to remove the evils and causes of intemperance.

Resolved, That we have been, and still are, looking with intense interest to the final action of the Legislature of this State, upon the bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Resolved, That if the said bill becomes a law, we will endeavor by all possible means so to mould public sentiment in its favor, as will secure its prompt and judicious enforcement.

Resolved, That if said bill fails to become a law at the present session of the State Legislature, we hereby pledge ourselves to use our influence as ministers and citizens to secure its enactment at the earliest possible period.

J. H. TWOMBLY, Chairman of Committee.

EDUCATION.

By documents presented to the Conference, the Committee on Education are enabled to report that all the literary institutions under your patronage are in an interesting and flourishing condition.

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Notwithstanding the desolation which death has made in the councils of this institution, by the removal of its eminent President, it is gratifying to its friends to learn that the year has been one of success. From the Registrar's report for the year ending July 19, 1851, it appears that the excess of the receipts above the expenditures is about $1,000. We record also, with devout gratitude to the Head of the Church, a recent work of divine grace among the students. The Committee are deeply impressed with the conviction that as a denomination we are very far from doing our proportion of the work of collegiate education in our land; and that we are consequently depriving ourselves of a large measure of influence over the public mind.

BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

We are pleased to hear of the continued prosperity of this institution. During the past year, $194 have been raised, showing a deficiency of $166.

1. *Resolved*, That we now raise this sum.

2. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to consider some mode of raising the endowment assumed by this Conference, and to report at the next session.

WESLEYAN ACADEMY.

In accordance with a resolution passed at our last session, the Principal of this institution has presented a financial exhibit for the past year. From this document, we learn that the income of the year has exceeded the expenses. It gives us great pleasure to learn that an elegant and spacious structure has recently been erected, designed not only for the use of the Academy, but for a monument in memory of the illustrious and beloved Fisk.

The friends of the Academy will be gratified to learn also, that a thorough renovation of the Boarding Houses is in contemplation, and that a large portion of the requisite funds is already in the hands of the Trustees. We earnestly hope that the deficit will be most cheerfully made up by the patrons of the institution.

The Committee recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the New England Conference recognize in the death of Stephen Olin, D. D., late President of the Wesleyan University, a deeply afflictive dispensation of Divine Providence, and an irreparable loss to the church and her literary institutions.

SLAVERY.

The Committee on Slavery respectfully report, that they have bestowed what attention they could upon the subject of American slavery, or to use the terrible words of John Wesley, "the sum of all villanies;" and that they are not only as much as ever, but more than ever, convinced of the enormity of the *evil*, and the flagrancy of the *sin*, of reducing human beings to the bondage in which three millions are held in this republic, and retaining them in that fearful condition.

That Republican States should do this is amazing; but that the Christian churches of the nation should stand connected with the bloody system, and interweave their various interests with its frightful ramifications, is a matter of more profound and and lasting astonishment. This cannot be right, and ought not to be tolerated.

That our fellow citizens and Christian brethren may know what are

the sentiments of this body of Christian ministers, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Conference that a rule should be inserted in the Discipline of the M. E. Church, prohibiting the reception of voluntary slave holders into the Church.

2. *Resolved*, That it is also the sense of this Conference that after a specified date, all persons who shall then be found in the church, sustaining the relations of voluntary slave holders, should be excluded there from.

3. *Resolved*, That our Delegates to the ensuing General Conference be, and they are hereby instructed to use their best endeavors to procure the insertion in the Discipline of such a rule as is contemplated in the foregoing resolutions.

PEACE.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Peace, present the following report:

The Committee regard the cause of peace as now having peculiar claims on the attention of Christians, and especially Christian ministers.

The events of the past year greatly encouraged the friends of peace to hope that the time was near when nations would unite permanently into friendly relations, and contend with each other only in those arts and pursuits which are calculated to elevate and Christianize mankind. These hopes have been sadly disappointed, and we now see those nations whose statesmen, and thousands of whose citizens, so recently exchanged friendly greetings, preparing for war; while in our own country, from various causes, the spirit of war is alarmingly prevalent.

Under such circumstances, it becomes the ministers of the gospel of peace to make special efforts to meet the exigencies of the times, to make apparent the inconsistency of war and warlike preparations, with the word of God, and to counteract those peculiar influences and appeals whose tendency is to bring on the community, the demoralizing effects of the war-spirit, if not the horrors of the scourge itself.

While it is generally admitted that the time will come, when, through the influence of Christianity, wars shall cease, yet it appears to the Committee that the Church has relied too exclusively on the general influence of the gospel to secure this result, and has pursued a mistaken course in not resorting more extensively to such organizations and

modes of action, as have so successfully been used for the removal of other moral evils. They think more direct efforts should be made to denounce and remove the false standard of military glory, with all the pomp and display connected with military organizations; to counteract the many influences calculated to encourage a military spirit in the minds of the young, and to show to Christians, their great inconsistency in encouraging many pursuits by which the institutions or the spirit of war are sustained or encouraged.

The Committee present the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we will, at such times as circumstances may render favorable, present the cause of peace to our several congregations, and that we will use all proper means to extend its influence.

Resolved, That we will encourage the formation of peace societies, and that we will co-operate with them in securing the means for diffusing generally a knowledge of the objects and principles of the cause of peace.

JOSEPH CUMMINGS, Chairman.

Chicopee, April 16, 1852.

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the proper observance of the Sabbath, submit the following as their report:

The Divine requirement in reference to the Sabbath is, that it be remembered and kept *holy*. This manner of keeping it, implies that we refrain from doing our own pleasure, and speaking our own words, and even thinking our own thoughts. Inasmuch as the Saviour has said, "the Sabbath was made for man," we infer that the highest interests of man can be secured only by keeping that holy day according to the commandment. All divine laws perfectly harmonize; so it is found that our physical and temporal well being is most effectually promoted by the most exact observance of the moral law of Him who formed our bodies. Great and numerous evils, both temporal and spiritual, result from a transgression of the law in reference to the Sabbath, to the individual and to society. Careful investigation has shown that a large portion of the convicts in the various prisons of our land, were early addicted to the violation of the holy Sabbath. The divine disapprobation seems specially manifested upon the evil of Sabbath profanation.

Blessings rich and numerous are secured to the individual, to the family, and to the community, by properly keeping holy time.

As expressions of our opinions on this subject, we present the follow-lowing resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we regard suitable efforts to promote the due observance of the Lord's day as humane and benevolent, and claiming our sympathy and vigorous co-operation.

2. *Resolved*, As God has given six days of secular time for secular purposes, and reserved but one day for himself, exclusively for holy uses and spiritual improvement, we regard it as robbery of God, as high handed sacrilege for either individuals, corporations, or governments, to prostitute the Lord's day to secular purposes or to amusements.

3. *Resolved*, We regard it as a clear and obvious Scriptural requirement, to be holy at all times, and in all we do to conform to the Divine will; nevertheless as God has made a distinction between *secular* and *holy* time, a disregard of that distinction is an offence against God, and a forfeiture of holiness of character.

4. *Resolved*, We regard all that pertains to the interests of the church, as of high and sacred importance; still we think the pecuniary interests of the church should, as far as practicable, be attended to in secular time.

5. *Resolved*, As teachers of religion, it is of the utmost importance that ministers conform in all things to the law in which they instruct others; therefore, we regard travelling in holy time for ministerial exchanges, beyond the requirements of mercy or strict necessity, as sinful in itself, and of hurtful influence to society.

WM. GORDON,
J. W. MERRILL,
C. K. TRUE,
} Committee.

CHAPTER V.

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

BOSTON DISTRICT.

JEFFERSON HASCALL, . . . *Presiding Elder.*

Boston, Hanover St.—Edward Cooke.
" *Bromfield St.*—Joseph Cummings.
" *Church St.*—Loranus Crowell.
" *North Russell St.*—Nelson E. Cobleigh, D. S. King, Sup.
" *Meridian St.*—Charles S. Macreading.
" *Centenary Church*—James Porter.
" *Hedding Church*—Joseph Dennison.
" *Mariners' Church*—Edward T. Taylor.
Chelsea—Lorenzo R. Thayer.
Roxbury—Mark Trafton.
Dorchester, 1st Church—Jotham Horton.
" 2*d Church*—Edward A. Manning.
Quincy Point—Aaron D. Sargeant.
Dedham—Kinsman Atkinson.
Walpole—Howard C. Dunham.
Newton Upper Falls—Daniel K. Bannister.
East Needham—To be supplied.
Natick and Needham—Converse L. McCurdy.
Saxonville—John W. Merrill.
Holliston—Isaac A. Savage.
Hopkinton—John T. Pettee.
Milford—Isaac Smith.
Mendon—Jeremiah L. Hanaford.
Farnumsville—To be supplied.
New England Village—To be supplied.
Oakdale—To be supplied.
Clinton—T. Willard Lewis.
Lunenburg—John S. Day.
Townsend—Samuel Tupper.
Marlboro' and Harvard—Jarvis Wilson.
Sudbury—To be supplied.
Assabet Village—George W. Frost.
Wesleyan University—Charles K. True, Professor.

CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT.

AMOS BINNEY, . . . *Presiding Elder.*

Charlestown, High St.—William S. Studley.
" *Union Church*—To be supplied.
Cambridge, East—William H. Hatch.
" *Harvard St.*—Charles Adams.
" *Harvard Square*—James S. Loveland.
Watertown—George Bowler,
Waltham—Nathaniel J. Merrill.
Weston—John Cadwell.
Lowell, St. Paul's—Gershom F. Cox.
" *Worthen St.*—Isaac J. P. Collyer.
Lynn, Common St.—Henry V. Degen.
" *Union St.*—Chester Field.
" *Boston St.*—To be supplied.
" *South St.*—George Dunbar.
" *Maple St.*—Daniel Richards.
" *Nahant*—To be supplied.
Saugus—J. Augustus Adams.
Salem—Luman Boyden.
Marblehead—To be supplied.
Danvers—William C. High.
Gloucester Harbor—Linus Fish.
" *Parish*—Augustus F. Bailey.
Ipswich—Moses A. Howe.
Newburyport, Liberty St.—John W. Perkins.
" *Adelphi St.*—William Gordon.
Topsfield—John G. Cary.
Groveland—To be supplied.
North Andover—Ichabod Marcy.
Ballard Vale—Pliny Wood.
Melrose—James Shepard, John C. Ingalls, Sup.
Malden—William R. Clark.
Medford—Abraham D. Merrill.
Woburn—To be supplied.
Winthrop—To be supplied.
North Reading—To be supplied.
H. E. Hempstead, Chaplain to the State Prison at Charlestown.

WORCESTER DISTRICT.

PHINEAS CRANDALL, . . . *Presiding Elder.*

Worcester, Park St.—Zachariah A. Mudge.

" *Laurel St.*—William M. Mann.

Shrewsbury—William R. Bagnall.

Millbury—Willard Smith.

Whitinsville and East Douglass—Cyrus L. Eastman; one to be supplied.

Leicester and New Worcester—William B. Olds.

Oxford—William A. Braman, J. Ireson, Sup.

Webster—Daniel E. Chapin, Benjamin Paine, Sup.

Dudley and Charlton—William R. Stone; one to be supplied.

Southbridge—David Sherman.

Spencer—Thomas H. Mudge.

Brookfield—Increase B Bigelow.

North Brookfield—Philander Wallingford.

West Brookfield—David L. Winslow.

Wales—Daniel Atkins.

Monson—John W. Dadman.

South Wilbraham—Oliver S. Howe.

Wilbraham and Jenksville—Stephen Cushing; one to be supplied.

Three Rivers and Ludlow—James W. Mowry; one to be supplied.

South Belchertown and Thorndike—William A. Clapp.

Ware Village—Windsor Ward.

Hardwick—Horace Moulton.

Barre—Hezekiah P. Andrews.

Oakham and Rutland—To be supplied.

Hubbardston—Burtis Judd.

Phillipston and Athol Depot—John Ricketts; one to be supplied.

South Royalston and Templeton—Jonathan L. Estey.

Winchendon—Damon Y. Kilgore.

Ashburnham—Moses P. Webster.

Fitchburg—Joseph W. Lewis.

Leominster—Daniel Steele.

Princeton and Holden—Simon Putnam.

Wilbraham Academy—Miner Raymond, Principal; Fales H. Newhall and George M. Steele, Teachers.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

CHARLES BAKER, . . . *Presiding Elder.*

Springfield, Union St.—Moseley Dwight.
" *Pyncheon St.*—Jonathan D. Bridge, David K. Merrill, Sup.
Chicopee—William Rice.
" *Falls*—Charles Noble.
South Hadley Falls—Edward S. Best.
West Springfield—Asa W. Paige.
Feeding Hills and Agawam—Ephraim Scott, Geo. W. Green, Sup.
Westfield—John H. Twombly.
" *West Parish*—To be supplied.
Southwick—To be supplied.
Blandford—Henry M. Bridge.
" *North*—Judah Crosby.
Chester—George E. Chapman.
Montgomery—To be supplied.
Southampton—Franklin Fisk.
Northampton—Gilbert Haven.
Leeds—To be supplied.
Williamsburgh—Henry M. Nichols.
Chesterfield—John Smith.
Cummington—To be supplied.
Savoy—To be supplied.
Charlemont—William Pentecost.
Rowe—To be supplied.
Colerain—William M. Hubbard.
Leyden—To be supplied.
Shelburne Falls—William Butler.
Buckland—Marvin Leffingwell.
Greenfield—John Paulson.
Gill—To be supplied,
South Deerfield—William F. La Count.
South Amherst and North Belchertown—Daniel Wait.
Granby—To be supplied.
Pelham—To be supplied.
Lock's Pond—To be supplied.
Prescott—To be supplied.
Enfield—David Kilburn.
American Bible Society Agents—H. Brownson and Jonas M. Clark.

CHAPTER VI.

MISCELLANY.—VISITORS TO LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

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